इन्दौर से दोहद की बड़ी रेलवे लाइन का सर्वेक्षण

2293. **श्री अजीत जोगी :** क्या रेल मंत्री 11 मार्च, 1988 को राज्य सभा में तारांकित प्रश्न 218 के दिए गए उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या इन्दौर से दोहद की नई रेलवे लाइन के लिए सर्वेक्षण के काम में कोई प्रगति हुई है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) क्या सरकार इस प्रस्ताव को योजना आयोग के पास दुबारा भेजने का विचार रखती है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री महाबीर प्रसाद) : (क) से (ग) दाहोद, महू, देवास के रास्ते गोधरा को मकसी से जोड़ने के लिए सर्वेक्षण किया गया है । इस प्रस्तावित 316 कि०मी० लम्बे रेल सम्पर्क की अनुमानित लागत 297 करोड़ रुपये हैं । प्रस्ताव योजना आयोग के विचारार्थ भेज दिया गया है ।

Conversion of Rajpur-Rajim, Jabalpur-Gondia, Ajmer-Khandwa railway line into broad gauge

2294. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1838 given in the Rajya Sabha on 11th March, 1987 and state:

(a) whether Gonvernment have received letters from various sources demanding conversion of Rajpur-Rajim, Jabalpur-Gondia and Ajmer-Khandawa metre gauge railway lines into broad gauge railway lines; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to reconsider it a fresh?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A re-appraisal survey to re-examine the viability of the conversion of Jabalpur-Gondia NG line into BG as an alternative route has been taken up. Further action on the proposal will be decided on completion of the survey and examination of the report. There is no proposal for gauge conversion of Raipur-Rajim and Ajmer-Khandwa sections.

2295. (Transferred to the 2nd December, 1988)

Complaints of SC/ST employees of Mangalore Port

2296. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the reservation policy for the employment of Scheduled castes and Scheduled Tribes is being followed in the Mangalore Port;

(b) whether Government have received complaints of harassment, humiliation and denial of justice and due-promotion and reservation from SC/ST Employees Welfare Associatio New Mangalore Port; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken to meet the demands of the New Mangalore Port Trust SC|ST Employees Association?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Representations have been received from the New Mangalore Port Trust SC|ST Employees Welfare Association from time to time.

(c) Most of the demands of the New Mangalore Port Trust SC|ST Employees Welfare Association were not found admissible. After a scrutiny of the points raised in these representations the Port Trust has initiated the following measures:—

(i) The SC|ST Cell was reconstituted in October, 1986 to provide adequate assistance to the Liaison Officer in the implementation of the Reservation orders. The Port Trust also appointed the Executive Engineer (Civil) as Liaison Officer in October, 1986.

(ii) The Port Trust has directed the Management of the New Mangalore Port Trust School to strictly follow the reservation orders in the appointments to various posts in the School run by it. Earlier reservation policy was not followed in this institute as the school was managed by a Private Organisation.

(iii) The Port Administration has directed the New Mangalore Port Employees Cooperative Credit Society to strictly adhere to the reservation policy in the matter of recruitment of regular staff part-time employees in the Society.

(iv) The Port Trust has amended the Regulations and added a separate provision under Regulation 7 of the Recruitment Regulations providing that experience and qualifications can be releaxed by the Chairman in the case of candidates belonging to SC/ST communities at any stage to the selection of posts.

The Chairman, New Mangalore Port Trust has further been instructed by the Ministry to ensure strict observance of reservation orders issued by the Government from time to time in order to instil confidence among the employees belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

Inadequate maintenance grants for National Highways in A. P.

2297. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the condition of National Highways in Andhra Pradesh is not satisfactory due to very inadequate maintenance grants given by the Centre and the surface is not renewed even once in ten year; and

(b) if so, what are the details of such roads in Andhra Pradesh and what immediate steps are being taken by Government to meet the needed increase in grants and the total requirement of amount, as per norms fixed by Government and the amount released per year for maintenance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Out of the 2299 Kms of National Highways in Andhra Pradesh only about 15 Kms. of National Highway No. 5 and National Highway No. 43 have not been renewed during the past ten years.

Efforts are made every year to get enhanced maintenance grants but due to constraint of resources, funds required according to the norms are not available.